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Hello everyone! I hope you all had a nice week. The Philadelphia ANA was busy but very enjoyable to see so many friendly faces. If only we could make the show a day or two shorter it would be perfect. Next year's ANA will be held in Chicago and from the whispers I heard ANA management are thinking to anchor the show in Chicago for the long term. Chicago is "my kind of town": easy to access being in the center of the U.S., great hotels and fewer obstacles than other venues. I'm excited to see the show come back next year. It certainly makes traveling there a ton easier for me.

While at the ANA I was approached about running for the board. I attended a meeting in which they described some of the duties and responsibilities that come along with that role. It seems women and ancient coin dealers are lacking on the board so I'm going to throw my hat in the ring. You might see a press release in the coming months regarding this so if you are a member of the ANA and help to elect the next board I hope you will consider me.

[Lots of auctions are on the horizon. Here is what is coming:](#)

Roma & Deniz Grotjohann E-Live Auction 2 (August 30)

Roma is holding their 2nd E-Live auction with 1,136 lots. You may wonder why Roma is starting back at 1 with their auctions. The reason is that they have moved their platform to www.the-saleroom.com. The change to the saleroom has not resulted in any increased costs and it seems to be a little smoother for online bidding. Everything else has remained the same.

Naumann Auction 69 (Sept 2)

Naumann out of Vienna is holding their 69th auction with 781 lots of Greek, Roman, Byzantine and world coins. I find that Naumann has a lot of great coins with reasonable

starting prices. It's a nice place to look and buy if you want to avoid some of the competitiveness from larger auction houses.

Ira and Larry Goldberg Auction 106 - Pre-Long Beach Sale (Sept 4-5)

Goldberg has two days of auctions prior to the Long Beach show (which I have yet to attend but would like to in the future). On September 4th they will auction 1,536 ancient and world coins. Of the 1,536 there are 629 ancients. There are quite a few Greek coins from the Lee Rousseau Collection. His collection has some stunning pieces and is worth a look. There is also a very large group of Judaeon coins from the "The Palm Desert Collection". Somewhat interesting as well is lot 1450 which is a 113-piece city coinage collection that was purchased at one time from David Hendin in the 1970's or early 80's. David literally wrote the book on Judaeon coins so this might be a nice group lot for a beginning collector as the estimate is quite reasonable. I will be available for live online bidding in this auction so please get in touch if you want my help for representation.

CNG Mail Bid Sale 109 (Sept 12)

Many of you heard the news that a fellow midwesterner and collector Mike Gasvoda purchased CNG. It was made public while everyone was out at the ANA in Philadelphia. Every passionate collector's dream I'm sure. Take over a thriving coin business and be able to work in a field that you love. I wish Mike all the best in his new venture. Don't think that Victor and Eric are quick to be out the door though. This will be a long transition and CNG as we all know it will change very little in the coming months. It is a process that will be drawn out which is good for everyone.

The Mail Bid Sale 109 has some material from Mike's collection. Some very exciting pedigreed pieces that are worth consideration. Also part of the 109 is an extensive group of pedigreed Seleucid coins from the MNL collection. This carefully selected and complete assortment of coins has some extreme rarities struck during the Seleucid era. If you ever wanted a chance to fill in gaps in your collection this would be a great opportunity.

Please get in touch if you need help in the 109. I will be actively participating and my terms are good.

Fall European Auctions

Künker has posted their October auction material and catalogs will be arriving soon. I will be viewing the lots in Osnabrück from October 2-5 so please get in touch if you need anything viewed in hand. My terms are very favorable for Künker so if you would like help in bidding let me know soon.

NAC has their auction on September 24 and a few have wondered when their catalogs will be out. I'm told by NAC that this should be sometime next week. I will be getting hard copies of the catalogs that I will send out to those customers that reach out.

Roma's auction is on September 26 and I will be attending this as well. The catalog is expected to come out shortly online and I will receive hard copies of this sale as well.

Gorny & Mosch will hold their ancients auction on October 15. I saw this on the IAPN website so I may not have the date correct since their catalog is also not yet out. I will be attending this auction as well.

Please remember to get in touch sooner rather than later if you think you might want to use my auction services. Early planning means that I can view all the lots in hand versus just through photographs. Better for you and me!



Coin of the Week

<https://www.shannaschmidt.com/greek-coins/calabria-tarentum-c-355-340-bc>

CALABRIA, Tarentum. c. 355-340 BC

AR Stater, 7.92g (22mm, 7h). Helmeted rider standing to side of horse / Taras holding shield on dolphin right with waves below. He holds a long trident in right hand. TAPAΣ behind.

Pedigree: Ex Münzen und Medaillen Basel FPL 552 (1992), 1. Ex Hess Divo 307, 2007, lot 1015
Price: \$9,500

The imagery on the coinage from Tarentum is among the loveliest outside of the Sicilian series. Dynamic images of dolphins, racing horses and gods permeate throughout the extensive coinage.

The ancient city of Tarentum (Taras in ancient Greek) has the distinction of being the only city outside of Sparta founded and colonized by the Spartans. The colony was founded in 706 BC by Phalanthos, the leader of the Partheniae who were composed of non-traditional families. They were unmarried Spartan women and free men of non-Spartan origin. There is much speculation about the Parthenian population and their origin; specifically whether they were men opposed to fighting in the Messenian War (The war between the Messenians and the Spartans from 743-724 BC). Another theory is that Messenian War had lasted so long and the soldier population had so dwindled that they were allowed to return to Sparta to procreate with young Spartan women. The last theory was that the Parthenians were bastard children of Spartan women and their slaves forced to settle on Taras.

The coinage of Tarentum is an interesting departure from the supposed origin of its founding. Warriors and heroes are found on the coinage with scenes that glamorize the Greek city-

state. Many of the coins of Tarentum feature a boy or man on a dolphin. This famous myth tells of Taras, the son of Poseidon, being saved by a dolphin from a shipwreck. The dolphin safely delivers Taras to land which was made the city of Taras (Tarentum). This depiction is found throughout the vast coinage of Tarentum. The reverse routinely shows variations of men on horses which symbolizes the equestrian events that often took place in Taras.

References: Vlasto 518. Fischer-Bossert 684n (this coin)

Grade: Very complete with nice metal, iridescent toning and sharp strike. Less common obverse die. Some minor die wear on the obverse. EF/Mint State

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If you are interested in this coin please click the link above or email me at shanna@shannaschmidt.com

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